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Ideas... 4-H and YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



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Dear Coworkers:

Interest and concern for the youth of America may be approaching its peak. To illustrate the point, you are referred to the January 5, 1968 issue of the Congressional Quarterly in which there appeared an article, Preschoolers to Teen-agers Aided by New Programs. This article began by saying that, "Congress in 1967 authorized nearly every new program sought by President Johnson in his February 8 message to Congress on children and youth." The article further notes that this was the first time any President had ever given a message in the specific area of children and youth.

Some of the things asked for and received in varying degrees included: "Follow-through" projects to carry on the benefits of preschool compensatory education for children in poverty; strengthening of "Head Start"; parent-child centers pilot programs; matching funds for State child welfare personnel, including training programs; increased benefits for aid to families with dependent children; increase in funds for remedial care of needy children; federal support to mental retardation centers; pilot programs of dental care for poor children; and summer programs for needy children and restless teen-agers.

Never before has there been such widespread support for youth programs from the President, Congress, business, and just plain people. We must capitalize on this genuine interest and concern! The good things which 4-H has to offer must be made available to significantly larger numbers of youth whoever they are, wherever they are, and whatever may be their circumstances.

We know that it isn't easy to do more with little or no increase in funds. But that shouldn't stop anyone from trying. There is plenty of evidence that trying harder does work. There are many, many examples where 4-H is making dramatic strides in reaching more young people - and with high quality programs.

The "national" staff of 4-H looks upon Expansion as a way-of-life in 4-H - not as some kind of a special one-shot demonstration or a publicity bash. This view is shared and fully supported by the Director of the 4-H Division of FES, the National 4-H Foundation, the National 4-H Service Committee and the Chairman of the 4-H Subcommittee of ECOP.

The plain fact is that 4-H really has few alternatives. Either we expand or we become a program which had a glorious past. Fortunately, procedures and creative ideas for expanding 4-H are coming from many Counties and States.

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COOPERATING WITH LAND GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

In the coming weeks and months, we intend to share with you ideas and examples of how expansion is being accomplished from place to place throughout the country.

We hope that you will provide us with an ever-increasing number of examples!

NEW LOOK FOR NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

The National 4-H Conference, April 21-26, will have a new look!

The program is planned to involve the delegates in discussions on the critical issues facing 4-H. Delegates will study facts, analyze situations and trends, and their implications for 4-H, and formulate concrete proposals for 4-H staff consideration. Through selected seminars, they will recommend new direction for the 4-H program. In addition, they will learn about the new emphases in 4-H programming, and exchange information on goals and program achievements.

The Conference will still include a tour of Washington, visits to Capitol Hill, and appropriate social and cultural activities.

INTER-AMERICAN RURAL YOUTH PROGRAM BECOMES PART OF NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATION

The National 4-H Club Foundation has assumed the responsibility for the operating direction of the Inter-American Rural Youth Program (PIJR).

With PIJR as a part of the 4-H Foundation, U. S. 4-H'ers and their leaders will have many new opportunities to develop closer ties with members of rural youth clubs elsewhere in the hemisphere. Many of these will be State-to-country relationships, expanding upon the interest developed where State Land-Grant Universities have contracts to assist national agricultural development programs.

PIJR has its headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, with regional offices in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Maracay, Venezuela. The Director is Howard E. Law, an agricultural economics graduate of the Utah State University, who formerly served with the Farmers Home Administration and in rural credit programs in Venezuela. He received a "partner in 4-H" citation in 1966 in recognition of his leadership. A graduate of New Mexico State University and former member of that State's 4-H staff, Santiago D. Apodaca, is PIJR regional representative in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

CERTAIN 4-H MEMBERS EXEMPT FROM LABOR ORDER

Tentative approval has been given by the Department of Labor for exempting certain 4-H members from the orders applying to tractor and farm machinery operation by youth under 16 on other than their home farm:

- * 4-H members who are at least 14 years of age, familiar with the normal working hazards in agriculture, have completed all units of the 4-H Tractor Program, passed a written examination and demonstrated their ability to safely operate a tractor.

- * 4-H members--not previously completing the 4-H tractor project--having completed a 10-hour program including units 1, 4, 6 and 7 from the first year; unit 1 of the second year; units 1 and 3 of the third year; and unit 1 of the fourth year--plus written and operation examination.
- * Additional exemption of 4-H members on completion of work on farm machinery operation.
- * Special training program including examinations for youth not previously 4-H members.

State Extension agricultural engineers, Extension safety specialists, State Directors of Extension and State 4-H Leaders will have an opportunity to review the possible program in this area.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS IN COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Several State 4-H staff members have been involved in plans being made for eight sub-regional meetings on Community Resource Development. The small task force meeting with the Community Resource Development staff of F.E.S. suggested that one of the workshop topics be "What Should be the Role of Youth Workers and Youth in Community Resource Development?"

As this goes to press the exact dates and places are being determined. The majority will be held between mid-March and May 15. (Your Director and State Extension CRD leader likely will have the information by the time you receive this.)

NORTHEAST COMMITTEE FOR AN EXPANDED 4-H PROGRAM

An outgrowth of the Northeast State 4-H Staff Conference in 1967 is the establishment of a continuing committee to guide and direct 4-H programs for the future. The Northeast Extension Directors approved a rotating committee structure which will help to coordinate efforts among the 12 States. Specific assignments for the committee include: Program expansion, work with youth of low-income families, county and staff training needs, and 4-H literature development. The committee, under the chairmanship of Rollyn Winters of New Jersey, will hold its first meeting in Hartford, Conn. on February 8 and 9. John Gerwig, Extension Director in New Jersey, will serve as group advisor. Russ Smith will represent the 4-H Division of FES. An Ad Hoc Committee to plan a special institute on work with low-income youth at Syracuse University will meet at the same time. Henry Hansen, Extension Director of Connecticut will represent the Northeast Directors on this committee.

4-H TV AD HOC COMMITTEE

A recently appointed TV AD HOC Committee has begun deliberations on the TV series potential for presenting 4-H learning experiences to increased numbers of youth across the country. The committee will develop guidelines and recommendations for the production of 4-H television series by the Cooperative Extension Service.

More than 1½ million 9 - 12 year old youth in over 40 States have been or are currently enrolled in "4-H TV Action", a series of ten 30-minute programs teaching emergency preparedness. Several thousand are also enrolled in Michigan's Science II Series.

In the meantime several possible new series are being discussed and tentative scripts are being prepared.

4-H AT RURAL HEALTH SEMINAR

Two reports by 4-H will be featured at the Extension Seminar to precede the 21st National Conference on Rural Health at Seattle, Washington on March 28. Dan Warren is to tell about "Idaho's 4-H Health Education Program in VD." Rita Sullivan will be explaining "Pacific Northwest Cooperative Project in 4-H Health Publications."

One of the keynote presentations for youth workers will be "Health Education for Today's Youth" by Nora P. Hall, Director of Health Education for Tacoma Public Schools.

Those interested in a program or more information about the conference can get in touch with Dr. Bond L. Bible at American Medical Association in Chicago.

4-H REPORT TO THE NATION

Friends of 4-H, highly skilled in the field of public relations, consulted with the Report-to-the-Nation planning committee. Out of this came many good ideas for increasing report effectiveness. Several State leaders have already suggested times and cities for reporting opportunities. Other such possibilities should be called to the attention of Ralph Kirch, chairman for 1968, or to Fern Kelley or Ken Anderson. The 1968 team includes: Gregory Jarmolowicz, Mich.; James J. Lewis, Minn.; Tambrey Turner, Miss.; Charles R. Mitchell, Mo., Lynda Parson, Nebr.; Nancy Alward, N. H.; Jeff Seidenstein, N.J.; Jeanette Hitson, N. M.; Larry Brooks, Okla.

NEW 4-H DRESS

Delegates to National 4-H Conference will introduce the new 4-H dress. In fact, plans for changing the 4-H dress were originated at last year's conference. The pattern will be shown in the May-dated fashion books, which come out about the beginning of March. Here's the description:

Dress Style: Basic A-line skimmer. Features jewel neckline with either short set-in sleeve or sleeveless design and back zipper closing. Flattering fit is achieved by front bias shaped darts. Optional jacket has matching collar, 3-button closing and wrist length sleeve. Attractive design formed by side seams and side back seaming. Flaps add final decorative touch.

Fabric: Striped chambray in a clover green and white stripe. It is 50 percent kodel polyester and 50 percent combed cotton. Has permanent press finish and also a soil release finish. 45 inches wide cording is slightly raised on the stripe to add dimension.

It is hoped there will be a merging of the present and the new styles, and no girl will feel out-dated if she continues to wear the green cord dress.

Committees who consulted about the dress recommended maximum use of it. For 4-H, it will be worn with the chevron. For other occasions, the chevron can be removed and different accessories worn to make it appropriate for many times and places.

CHECK THESE DATES

Southern Agricultural Workers, 4-H Section, Louisville, Kentucky, February 5-7.

Jack Tyree and Dr. Carlton Blalock have announced an exciting program focusing on 4-H teen leaders and older member program challenges. Dr. Bill Schneider, Dr. George Blume, Miss Emmie Nelson are some of the program participants. Dr. E. D. Vaughan, Director of the 4-H Division of FES, is scheduled to close the conference with a talk on "The National Scene, Open Doors of 4-H".

Western 4-H Leader Forum, Portland, Oregon, February 29 - March 4.

Theme: Teaming up with Teens in 4-H Leadership. Such outstanding resource people as Dr. Evelyn Duvall will be participating. Fern Kelley will represent the 4-H Division of FES.

Conference of State 4-H Staffs from the 12 North Central States, March 5-8.

Purposes: Discuss 4-H program expansion, programming for young people ages 14 and under, flexible methods for 4-H educational programs such as 4-H TV programs, programmed learning, simulations, involvement of more older young people in working with younger 4-H participants. States will also have an opportunity to exchange ideas on successful methods for working with urban youth of low-income families. Bob Pinches of the 4-H Division of FES is planning to participate.

American Camping Association Convention, Boston, Mass., March 11-15.

Russ Smith will represent the 4-H Division of FES.

National Library Week, April 21-27, has the theme "Be All You Can Be - Read."

The contemporary theme is designed to reflect the wide-ranging potential in the use of libraries and books by people of all ages and backgrounds.

R.Y.U.S.A., August 18-22, at Shippensburg State College in Shippensburg, Pa.

Bob Pinches will represent the 4-H Division of FES.

National 4-H Week - October 6-12.

Note the change in date in response to your many requests that 4-H Week not overlap into two months. Beginning this year, it is to be the first full week in October. You probably noted this from Subcommittee minutes.

Youth Conferences of National Safety Congress, Chicago, October 27-30.

National Junior Horticultural Association Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, December 8-12.

Indianapolis, Indiana has been set tentatively for 1969.

TEEN SUMMER ABROAD

The list of expected countries for the 4-H Caravaners Teen Summer Abroad now include: Ireland, England, Netherlands, Denmark, Austria, Italy, Spain, El Salvador, Peru, Brazil, and Japan. Japan is a brand new addition and 4-H'ers will leave from the West Coast.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM

Lisle Fellowship Inc., announces the 1968 International Summer Programs for young adults (age 20-35), graduate students and upperclassmen. The programs for this summer will operate in the U.S.A., Europe, Latin America and the Soviet Union, with focus on world perspectives in international relations. Aimed at improved human relations, more information and brochures can be secured by writing the Lisle Fellowship, Inc., 2023 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

ALERTS TO EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Consumer Game

The Consumer Game is one of the newest simulator experiences developed by the Department of Social Relations of Johns Hopkin University. The purpose of the Consumer Game is to teach the basic economics of budgeting income and of installment buying, and it demonstrates the problems and opportunities involved in the use of credit. This is accomplished by simulating real life situations in which the players, in the role of consumers, combine limited income with credit to purchase products they want or need. The game is available through Johns Hopkin University for \$25.00. To order or obtain additional information write: Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge, Department of Social Relations, The Johns Hopkin University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

Two references from the National Educational Association:

"Consumer Education: Its New Look" is the October Bulletin of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Price is \$2.00 from National Education Association, 1201 - 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Consumer education is interpreted to be both money management and buymanship, and is a practical way to teach youth the efforts of economics on their lives.

From the Department of Home Economics, National Education Association is the teacher's guide "Financial Education". Price is \$1.00 for single copies. This latter bulletin is based on four separate booklets on money management developed originally in Michigan.

"From School to Work--Federal Services to Help Communities Plan With Youth". The updated version is just off the press and copies have been mailed on the basis of State orders. Besides being a career exploration aid it is a good reference for referring people to appropriate agencies. Bob Pinches has been chairman of the committee that developed it.

The reprints of the publication "Girls 9 to 13, Their Clothing Abilities" have now been mailed to States that ordered. One of our next moves, in the publication field, will be to reprint the health planning guide "Health to Better Living." Notification will go out in the usual way.

Extension distribution officers have been notified of the new series of credit leaflets and the second series on the clean house, written for low-income homemakers. This is part of an effort by the Home Economics Division to get a series available for State use, written by Federal and State specialists. The first series--on child development, food, clothing and house cleaning, have been widely used. We assume most of you are familiar with them.

New from HEW are two listings of educational materials relating to smoking: "What's New on Smoking in Print" and "What's New on Smoking in Films." (Public Health Service Publications 1710 and 1707, respectively). Supt. of Document's sale price is 5¢ per copy or \$3.00 per 100.

The Red Cross magazine "Journal" for November explained their REACH program, which has many of the same goals as our expansion effort in 4-H. Also, the December issue concerned teenage health and safety. Much good material in each of them.

"The Wonderful World of Home Economics" is a series of eight leaflets by the American Home Economics Association (2¢ single, set of 8 for 15¢, quality discount on 100 or more). These cover the fields of Art, Family Economics--Home Management; Family Relations and Child Development; Food and Nutrition; Home Economics Education; Housing; Furnishing and Equipment; Institution Administration; and Textiles and Clothing.

TWO IN THE 4-H LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERIES (Enclosed)

Useful in 4-H expansion efforts will be "Plan for Organizing New 4-H Clubs" and "Multiply Your Effectiveness with 4-H Project Chairmen", both examples describe techniques used successfully in counties in Michigan. These are Nos. 26 and 27 in the 4-H Leadership Development Series.

Ty Thompson alerts us to the quantity of pesticide (entomology) bulletins, which are reprinted from Pennsylvania. Dr. Chet Gibbs is alerting your State Chemical Coordinator about the availability of these materials. You may want to visit with him, and others, about the many ways this material can be used by youth and adult 4-H leaders. It is an excellent supplement to many other projects.

CALIFORNIA STUDY OF 4-H LITERATURE (Enclosed)

Bob Davis has shared the results of a study to determine the extent of distribution of literature to members and leaders. They felt it was vital to determine the use of leader and member materials as a basis for engaging in any study of their effectiveness.

States that are keenly interested or currently working on literature plans might write Bob Davis for a copy of the study. Bob agrees to share it while the supply lasts.

/SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS BEING USED BY VARIOUS STATES/

Most of our items this time have to do with the earnest efforts State co-workers are making with 4-H Expansion.

ARKANSAS - Project Groups Supplement Community Clubs

The counties involved in "4-H Operation Expansion" have in most cases increased 4-H membership considerably through several approaches. The project group--an informal group of boys and girls working on one project--has been quite successful as demonstrated by the outdoor cooking project and the work done by the college work-study students. Project groups in electricity, crafts, photography and dog care are also working out very well.

CONNECTICUT - 4-H Club-Family Living Coordination

A one-year demonstration project is being conducted in the Bank Street neighborhood area of Portland. 4-H Club Home Economics Agents are working on this joint project with the community's Action Committee to provide a coordinated 4-H Club-family living experience. It is designed to encourage both parents and children toward a greater appreciation of family and community life and to develop neighborhood programs that meet basic family needs. The program also aims to help develop leadership among family members so that they might better serve the needs of the neighborhood. Inter-city 4-H work is also gaining momentum in New Haven, Hartford, Willimantic as well as Middleton-Portland areas.

FLORIDA - Program Expansion

Expansion is occurring presently through short-term special interest projects. Florida is discovering that these projects are popular because they help agents to see a broader scope of 4-H. They are good means for recruiting leaders and a way of centering around special interests for meeting the needs of young people.

KANSAS - A Second Training Event for County 4-H Project Leaders

The second 1967 County 4-H Project Chairmen Development Clinics was held at Rock Springs Ranch in December. It was planned for chairmen involved in entomology, woodwork, dog, and horse projects. The earlier clinics in November included chairmen for foods, clothing, knitting, home improvements, recreation, senior 4-H programs, and local club programs. Included too were county project chairmen, some of the newer members of the volunteer adult leader team in 4-H program, work with project leaders of 4-H Clubs and special interest or project groups. All make it possible for the county Extension personnel to supervise a youth program of greater scope and size.

MASSACHUSETTS - Utilize Commonwealth Service Corps

Worcester County, in cooperation with the Commonwealth Service Corps, conducted a pilot program to reach more youth in 1966. Five corpsmen, primarily ADC mothers, were employed in selected communities to recruit members, organize clubs, and work with volunteer leaders. At the beginning of the project, only 30 youth were 4-H members, but at the end of the year the number had increased to 406 in 25 clubs. Judged by the recognized difficulties in these areas the project shows signs of real success.

NEW YORK - "Program Development" Featured at Regional Meetings

Using a well organized and comprehensive written guide, the New York State 4-H Staff conducted inservice, professional improvement regional meetings for agents in December, 1967. The meetings were designed to help 4-H Agents become familiar with the guide, understand the value of Plan of Work, learn how to state educational objectives, develop skills in committee involvement, and appreciate the program development process. The reference guide contains twelve major sections, all relating to program development and the role of professional staff.

New York has a gain of 13,000 4-H members over 1966. In the 11-year period since Bill Pease was appointed State Leader, 4-H has had a 102 percent increase in 4-H while the youth population gain in the State was about 80 percent.

NORTH CAROLINA - 4-H Serves in Housing Developments

Agents of Buncombe County contacted Economic Opportunity workers in two low-income housing projects to plan for organizing special interest groups for youth. They recruited two leaders and started a special interest class in family relations for older youth in Pisgah View housing project (using Minnesota Series). Volunteer leaders were recruited for four more special interest groups at Hillcrest in family relations. The other three classes were to be in personal grooming and child care, providing girls with useful information which would aid them in baby sitting jobs. In early April, another low income housing development heard about the class in family relations from the other two groups and wanted it for their youth.

NEW JERSEY - Cooperation with Schools

Pilot work in Salem City has involved a Cooperative Extension-school effort. This has been successful over a two-year period in reaching a large number of youth with short-term educational programs.

OHIO - 4-H Promotion Workshop

Eighty county, area and State 4-H workers enrolled for a 4-H promotion workshop, one of several training opportunities they could choose to attend this year. In opening the conference, Director Kirby stressed a goal of 105,000 members by 1971, with 13,000 volunteer leaders. The State also hopes to reach some 53,000 older youth in career exploration work. Ohio has recently developed some promotion leaflets aimed at youth and adults and has made a TV recruitment spot. Many Ohio counties are using "4-H Awareness Teams" -- older 4-H members who plan presentations to interest fourth, fifth, and sixth graders to join 4-H.

OKLAHOMA - "Operation Big E"

The "E" stands for expansion through program effectiveness and efficiency. The objectives of Operation "E" in Oklahoma is simply to expand 4-H so more boys and girls can receive benefits from the program. Effective adult leadership and a flexible dynamic project program are the principal program adjustments in the beginning. In less than five months, since Operation "E" was christened approximately 50, of Oklahoma's 77 counties are engaged in an adult leadership development program.

PENNSYLVANIA - Continued Gains in Operation Expansion

Adams County is an example of the counties making good progress in 1966 and also moving still further in 1967. They achieved a 12.6 percent membership increase over the previous high year and greatly increased the number and effectiveness of volunteer leaders and teen leaders. The six-point action plan guiding the efforts includes: (1) Inform the public of 4-H, (2) Prepare 4-H leaders more adequately for role as teacher, (3) Increase membership at least 10 percent, (4) Develop more effective office procedures, (5) Recruit new leaders, and (6) Initiate a new procedure for 4-H program development.

SOUTH CAROLINA - "Wanta' Get a Job?" - Many People Helped

Extension personnel have involved many different types of resource people in an exciting new program in Horry County. A dynamic careers program, reaching juniors and seniors in high school has given special training in food handling. Contributing to the training were a representative of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, a business analyst, a public relations director, a librarian, a home economist of the Public Service Authority, and a high school guidance counselor. The agents exercised a coordinating role. Each participant was issued a certificate to show to prospective employers.

SOUTH DAKOTA - State 4-H Speaking Topic

"4-H, A World of Opportunity" is topic for the 1968 State 4-H public speaking contest to be held in connection with the State Fair. In selecting this year's State speaking contest topic, the South Dakota 4-H Advisory Committee intended that a speaker bring out the privileges, responsibilities, and results that can come from participating in the 4-H program. The counties have a valuable resource in these trained public speakers for program expansion.

Project-Related Ideas

FLORIDA - Safe Driving

Dade County prepared a one-page leaflet "An Informed Driver is a Safer Driver" explaining twelve new laws affecting motorists in the State. 10,000 copies are being distributed.

COLORADO - Teaching Market Values

In connection with the State Livestock Judging Contest, a class of four steers were judged as is normally done. Immediately afterward, they were slaughtered and broken down into cuts of meat to determine which animals were really worth the most. This information was available before the stock judges left our campus. They were given this information and it was the real review of their judging class, to show the true worth of the animals in the market place. It was very popular and well received.

MINNESOTA - Winners Named in 4-H Carcass Evaluation Contest

A half-dozen 4-H Club members were honored recently for their success in producing the type of meat animals today's consumers demand. The 4-H members won grand championships and reserve championships for showing high quality beef, lamb and pork in the carcass contest following the State 4-H Market Livestock Show. Following the show, animals are sold and slaughtered. Then the carcasses are evaluated for quality.

KENTUCKY - New Approach to Nutrition Science

An interesting program expansion effort has been based on a nutrition science project. In an experimental 4-H program in Metcalfe County, Ky. youth are studying nutrition by watching the effects of different diets on baby chicks and mice. Eleven and twelve-year-old boys and girls are using white mice for their demonstrations and 10-year-olds are using baby chicks. More than 3,000 youngsters have participated in this program this fall. Plans are being made to reach more than 20,000 youth in several counties in the Mammoth Cave area. This program is being directed under the resources of the Medical School of the University of Kentucky.

WEST VIRGINIA - Dental Health Program

Each year, a 4-H health theme is chosen to assist with health needs identified in the State. This year, the Dental Health climax event will be held at the West Virginia School of Dentistry. Teams of Junior Leaders will be reporting the dental health events and activities carried on by 4-H Clubs in their area. The one-day educational event will feature tours of the dental school facilities as well as an opportunity to visit the faculty and learn about educational opportunities and careers in the dental field.

HAWAII - Kauai Teen Council Plan Stepped-Up Project Work

The 4-H members' Teen Council felt that subject matter should be stepped-up this coming year and they specially pin-pointed the Automotive, Photography and Baby-sitting projects. Training meetings were planned. The training in the baby-sitting program has received considerable requests from other youth agencies so this short course will be repeated again. The Teen Council also support the Kauai 4-H Federation in their program to plant the enlarged hillside area of Hanapepe gulch.

INDIANA - 4-H Geology Science

The Geology Science program has progressed very rapidly. In the past two years, since it has been available, over 80 counties have extended the 4-H opportunity to over 4,000 members. The original two publications have now been updated and a third released. Several schools have requested use of the bulletins for classroom use.

KANSAS - 4-H Livestock Judging Team Wins National Contest

The Kansas 4-H livestock judging team from Barber County won the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. It included a pair of twin brothers, and a fellow 4-H member. The contest involved 30 teams. Awards were presented at an honors banquet in the Saddle and Sirloin Club of the Stock Yards Inn given by the International Livestock Exposition management. Second high team was from Kentucky.

MICHIGAN - Training Opportunities in Veterinary Science

The second statewide conference for 4-H leaders and prospective leaders in Vet Science will be held, February 15-16, at Camp Kett. A second opportunity is the "Vetavisit - 68", an open house at the M.S.U. Veterinary Clinic on April 6. This 5th annual event will feature career information, exhibits and demonstrations on all phases of veterinary medicine.

MINNESOTA - Two State Conferences for 4-H Project Leaders

A State 4-H Agronomy Conference and a State 4-H Electric Conference for some 65 adult and junior 4-H leaders were held December 27-29. Purpose of the conferences were to train project leaders to assist with and teach the assigned project to members and other leaders and to promote the project in the county. Science implications and youth career opportunities were included in the discussion. The conferences also recognized achievement and leadership in the two projects.

NEBRASKA - Increasing Sensitivity to Beauty

About 50 county and area Extension home economists participated in a training conference where State specialists and consultants offered special methods and materials. They witnessed a "Design Happening"--for development of sensitivity to beauty in areas of food, clothing and home living. This is an approach that will be used in 4-H home economics programs throughout 1968. Agents were organized into training teams of three - each agent to specialize in one home economics area. The agent team will be responsible for project leader training in their counties or area-wide meetings.

NEW YORK - Meeting Needs of Both Adults and Youth in Home Economics Programs

4-H and Home Economics staffs, together with College of Home Economics, have developed a valuable program guide for 1968-69. The packet contains an outline of resources available for both adult and 4-H County Extension programs in each of the following areas: (a) Food and nutrition, (b) Child development and family relations, (c) Household economics and management, (d) Housing and design, (e) Institutional management, (f) Textiles and Clothing, and (g) Consumer education. Each outline includes the objective of the department, brief description of materials available, suggestive methods for use, and audiences.

INDIANA - Exchange with Peru

Seventeen CAJP (4-H in Peru) members are now in Indiana on the second lap of the two-way exchange. Last summer, a group of 13 Indiana 4-H'ers spent two months in Peru on the 4-H Teen Caravan program. Each of the Caravaners will live with four host families for most of their stay. They will be observing the use of volunteer adult and teen leaders in the Indiana 4-H program, since many of them already have their own CAJP clubs and some way go on to national youth leadership positions.

WASHINGTON - Operation 4-H Friendship-El Salvador

Vegetable seed, flour sacks, self-sealing jar lids, and record books donated by Washington 4-H'ers were sent to El Salvador to boost 4-H work in the tiny Central American republic. The action is one phase of Operation 4-H Friendship-El Salvador. Washington 4-H'ers participating in the international program are sending the materials to a 4-H Peace Corps volunteer from Yakima County assigned to El Salvador. The 4-H Friendship project will also involve the development of personal ties between 4-H and 4-C members via pen pal letters and sister-club exchanges.

Leader Development

OKLAHOMA - State Leaders Conference

Plans are underway for two 4-H leaders from each county to attend the first Leaders Conference in Stillwater, at the Student Union, on August 1,2,3. A program designed to assist 4-H leaders in developing boys and girls has an outstanding corps of instructors. Sears Foundation is helping to sponsor the training event.

UTAH - Changes in Leader Training

Evaluation of previous plans have resulted in a change to holding a State 4-H leadership training school, March 18-20, for representatives of county 4-H councils, community supervisors, and key leaders (key leaders are those who have the ability and time and are willing to help train other leaders). Training for local leaders in home economics will later be conducted on a one-county or two-county basis.

VIRGINIA - New Leadership Program Aids

A set of five new 4-H Leader Training Lessons and an agent guide has been prepared in response to a survey conducted with Extension agents, and volunteer leaders. Arrangements have been made to furnish agents the visual and handout materials for each lesson. The district 4-H program leaders, and other district agents, have been furnished a statistical and program analysis handbook. These are especially good for indicating program performance, county by county, and district by district.

/NEWS OF OUR CO-WORKERS/

Joe McAuliffe has moved to Minnesota, where his talents for creativity will enrich the fine 4-H program led by Leonard Harkness and staff. One of his hopes is to make rapid progress with his dissertation for Doctor's degree from Stanford. Joe came to us from New York State, but earlier than that, he spent a year in Washington as a 4-H Fellow. Many of his USDA and other friends attended an open house arranged by the 4-H Division.

Mrs. Jean Thomas Schaeffer has transferred to the Division of 4-H programs. She has been with FES for more than a year, working on pesticide programs. Jean was a 4-H member in Virginia, where she was a national winner in achievement. Initially she will put major attention on teen leadership and on work with low income youth.

Luke M. Schruben retired recently as assistant administrator of FES. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of 4-H since the time he was a county Extension worker in Kansas.

Dr. N. P. Ralston, Deputy Director of FES replaces Luke Schruben on the board of trustees of the National 4-H Club Foundation. Other new board members are Mildred Fizer of West Virginia and Dr. J. C. Evans, Director of Extension in Oklahoma. They replace retiring members Rhonwyn Lowry of Georgia and R. E. Jones of North Carolina.

New on the staff at the Foundation is David E. Benedetti, formerly a 4-H Extension Agent for Coos County, Oregon. He will be assistant director of resources.

Glen Krohn is appointed as 4-H Youth Specialist (urban) in Nebraska. He will work primarily in metropolitan Omaha and Lincoln areas. Other new appointees to State 4-H positions are Roscoe Home Burtner and William Allen McElfresh of Virginia.

Ruth Brasher has returned to the staff in Oregon after a two-year study period at Utah State University. Ruth's studies have been in the sociology field.

Mrs. Marjorie J. Area (formerly Marjorie Dunn) was married recently. She will continue her work on the Kansas 4-H staff.

Donald K. Rolston, newest member on the Wyoming State team will be on study leave for six months.

Mrs. Evelyn Quesenberry, on leave for doctoral study from the 4-H staff in Indiana, is to become Extension Home Economics Leader in Minnesota.

Mrs. Louise Kilpatrick, until recently a member of the Texas 4-H staff, has moved to Maryland, where her husband is transferred to the Agricultural Research Center. She will be working as a member of the Home Economics Extension staff in Maryland.

Friends of L. R. Harrill in North Carolina were invited to an autograph party noting the publishing of his book "Memories of 4-H".

Mervyn H. Jaques of Alberta province in Canada was a recent visitor to our office at FES and to State 4-H offices in New Jersey, Ohio, New York, Indiana, and Minnesota.

Two recent retirees, who will be missed are Stella Jones of Louisiana and W. Robert (Bob) Amick of Indiana.

R. W. Blacklock, former State 4-H Club Agent in Florida, passed away January 25 at the age of 80. He pioneered the establishment of 4-H in Florida and established the 4-H camping system. Mrs. Blacklock lives at 709 S.W. 27th Street, Gainesville.

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The inspirational message quoted here is by a 40 year 4-H leadership veteran, W. Robert Amick. When Bob retired in December this message was included in the program for the appreciation dinner.

I AM A 4-H'ER

I am a 4-H'er. I am young, energetic, resourceful and capable.

I am proud of my home, my parents, my brothers and sisters.

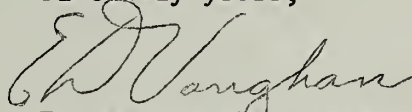
I am proud of my country, its flag and the many opportunities it makes possible for me and my family.

I am proud of being a 4-H'er, for the chance it gives me to learn, to have fun, to know other boys and girls and to learn about the many ways of making a living so I can choose the right one.

I am willing to work because I know that the worthwhile things are generally the result of real effort on my part.

I believe in the 4-H's and all that they stand for and as a 4-H'er I will try to "Make the Best Better". -- Bob Amick

Sincerely yours,



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